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ERIC HEINE
INTERNAL SECURITY - ESTONIA

On December 9, 1963, one ANTTILA L. KARJEL, 2934 Cloverbank Road, Hamburg, New York, voluntarily appeared at the Buffalo FBI Office stating he desired to furnish some information.

He stated his full name is ANTTILA L. KARJEL, but that he is commonly known as ANCY KARJEL. He was born August 23, 1926, in Tallinn, Estonia. In 1944 he was in Estonia serving in an Estonian Air Force Unit as a corporal under German command. He fled from Estonia with this unit on September 21, 1944, just before the Russians came into Estonia, went to Konigsberg, Germany, and then to the eastern front, fighting against the Russians. After the war he resided in an Estonian Displaced Persons Camp at Wurttemberg, Germany, until he was able to migrate to the United States in 1949. In the United States he lived for a short time in the New York City area and was married to a girl he had known in the DP camp. The wife's name is HAYDE KARJEL. He became a naturalized United States citizen at Buffalo in November, 1954. His wife's parents reside in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and his own parents, Mr. and Mrs. LEMMET KARJEL, who came to the United States in 1955, live on a small farm in Eden, New York (near Buffalo). KARJEL also stated that since July, 1952, he has been employed as a warehouse manager for the Bison Liquor Company, 4 Elk Market Terminal, Buffalo.

KARJEL stated that since arriving in Buffalo he has attended classes in English and also he attended numerous social functions at the International Institute, 1260 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, a community organization supported by public funds, and is a member of the Estonian Club, a social organization connected with the International Institute. He stated that all the Estonians he knows in Buffalo are anti-Communist.

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He stated that about two years ago the Estonian Club, of which he is a member, invited as a speaker for one of its functions at the International Institute one ERIC HEINE, a former Estonian who now resides in Toronto, Canada, and is active in Estonian organizations in Canada, principally the Estonian National Committee, which organization is anti-Communist. He stated that HEINE is well regarded by the Estonian element in Canada.

When HEINE appeared in Buffalo two years ago, he spoke for three or four hours concerning his experiences in Europe, and the general theme of his talk was that all Estonians must unite against the Communists. Concerning himself, HEINE stated he was in the process of escaping from Estonia in the Fall of 1944, when the Russians were coming in, but was injured, hid under a bridge, and then remained in Estonia and carried on guerilla fighting against the Russians. He was captured, placed in prison in Estonia, escaped, recaptured and taken to a prison camp in Russia. He stated that while in custody of the Russians for a two year period, he always claimed to be a German, and that he was finally released by the Russians as an alleged German national in 1956. He came to Canada in 1957 and has been residing there ever since.

KARTEL went on to state that sometime within the past two years, HEINE produced a moving picture film in Canada which depicts methods of Estonian partisans carrying on guerilla warfare against the Russians in Estonia during the approximate period 1944 to 1954, which moving picture HEINE has been displaying to various organizations in Canada and the United States.

Accordingly, the Buffalo Estonian Club invited HEINE to come to Buffalo and show his film on the evening of November 30, 1963, at the Polish Cadet Hall, 927 Grant Street, Buffalo, with a dance for members of the Estonian Club to follow the showing. HEINE appeared as scheduled, showed his film which ran about two hours, and was paid \$100.00 by the Estonian Club, which amount HEINE charges to defray the cost of having produced his film. Prior to showing the film, HEINE gave a brief introductory talk in which he stated that all Estonians should be better fighters against the Communists and should be alert to detect enemies among themselves. About 60 people, comprising members of the Estonian Club and their friends, attended the movie.

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ANTILLA KARJEL stated that he has always regarded HEINE as a sincere anti-Communist, and has never known him to do or say anything which would indicate otherwise. However, a few days before HEINE was to appear in Buffalo, KARJEL received a telephone call from one YURI RAUS, of Hyattsville, Maryland, whom he described as a close personal friend and as National Commander of the Legion of Estonian Liberation, Inc., an anti-Communist organization comprised of former Estonian nationals in the United States. KARJEL stated YURI RAUS told him he knew that ERIC HEINE was to appear in Buffalo soon, that he was suspicious of HEINE because no one has ever verified HEINE's story regarding the latter's alleged anti-Russian activities in Estonia, and that KARJEL and other former Estonians in Buffalo should be circumspect in their dealings with HEINE.

KARJEL stated that this warning alarmed him, and that he mentioned YURI RAUS' warning to several close friends in the Estonian Club. KARJEL added that HEINE, himself, is aware that he is under suspicion, because after showing his film, he held a brief informal discussion with members of the Estonian Club during the course of which he jokingly mentioned they apparently did not realize they were talking to a "Russian spy," namely himself.

KARJEL added that it was originally planned that ERIC HEINE would spend the night in Buffalo with one EARL LESKISOO, a member of the Estonian Club, but that LESKISOO, apparently having heard of the suspicion concerning HEINE, tactfully revoked his invitation. Thereafter, arrangements were made for HEINE to spend the night with another member of the Estonian Club named KALEV SUEL, 125 Rodney Avenue, Buffalo, who agreed rather reluctantly to serve as host.

On January 28, 1964, ANTILLA KARJEL furnished the following additional information:

On January 19, 1964, there was a meeting of the Estonian Club in Buffalo, attended by KARJEL at which meeting it became apparent that the suspicions which have been raised about HEINE are now known to all members of the Club, and that members of the Club are in violent disagreement on the matter, some believing that HEINE should not be trusted until he substantiates his background, some believing that HEINE is all right but that YURI RAUS, who raised the question about HEINE, is probably the one who should not be trusted,

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and a few others who want to have no part of such a disagreement and feel the whole matter should be dropped.

KARJEL added that when he, himself, was first told by YURI RAUS that there might be some question about HEINE, he passed this information on to three members of the Estonian Club in Buffalo whom he felt were completely reliable and discreet, one of them being ROBERT TEENE, 118 Layton Avenue, Eggertsville, New York, who serves as Secretary-Treasurer of St. Paul's Estonian Lutheran Church at Buffalo. KARJEL now feels he made a mistake when he told TEENE because TEENE, who is now the principal supporter of HEINE within the Estonian Club, admits that he had advised HEINE of the accusation made against him by YURI RAUS through KARJEL. HEINE is supposed to have replied to TEENE that he had already known that RAUS was spreading false stories about him. KARJEL explained that he regards TEENE as a sincere anti-Communist, and that the reason why TEENE ran to HEINE with the allegation he had heard, is that through a peculiar circumstance TEENE feels some sort of loyalty for HEINE. It seems that TEENE escaped from Latvia in 1944 or 1945 with a very close friend named A. VIIRLAID, who now resides in Toronto, Canada, and has become a writer of considerable note, having written several articles and books exposing the crimes of Communism and atrocities in Soviet prison camps. A. VIIRLAID is married to a girl whose sister is married to HEINE. Therefore, ROBERT TEENE refuses to believe that HEINE, because of his marital connection with VIIRLAID, whom TEENE definitely knows is anti-Communist, could possibly be connected in any way with the Soviets. TEENE is now demanding that the Estonian Club in Buffalo pass a resolution to bring YURI RAUS to account as to the specific basis for his accusation against HEINE. TEENE is also raising questions about RAUS' motives in accusing HEINE, and is charging that since RAUS is completely wrong about HEINE, RAUS is completely unreliable, and RAUS' organization, the Legion of Estonian Liberation, Inc., should be avoided by all Estonians in the United States.

TEENE in his defence of HEINE has stated he has been told that some individual or group in Canada, upon becoming alarmed over the accusations against HEINE, had gone to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to inquire whether there was any substance to the allegations against HEINE. This individual or group allegedly was shown a letter which

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had been written to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and in which information was set forth to the effect that HEINE's record with the Federal Bureau of Investigation is clear.

TEENE has also stated that HEINE intends to bring court action against both YURI RAUS and KARJEL for having slandered him. TEENE stated he, himself, feels HEINE has been the victim of underhanded gossip.

KARJEL stated he has attempted to point out to TEENE that neither he nor YURI RAUS accused HEINE of anything, and that he, himself, merely told TEENE and others of YURI RAUS' statement that they should be careful in their dealings with HEINE since his background has never been verified by anyone who knew him in Estonia. KARJEL has pointed out to TEENE that neither he nor RAUS had been underhanded in any way, and that he, KARJEL, had told TEENE and others exactly what RAUS had said, and that RAUS had had no compunctions about being mentioned as the source of the warning. KARJEL stated he has argued it makes good sense to be careful, and in an attempt to compromise the matter has suggested explanations be solicited from both HEINE and RAUS.

KARJEL stated that TEENE's most bitter opponent concerning HEINE is one OLEV JARVER, 143 Avalon Drive, Snyder, New York, also a member of the Estonian Club in Buffalo. JARVER believes completely in the integrity of YURI RAUS, and feels it is up to HEINE to prove the stories about his anti-Communist fighting in Estonia which he has been circulating about himself. JARVER has told TEENE he should produce the letter which allegedly clears HEINE or stop talking about it.

ANTHILLA KARJEL stated that pursuant to the request of YURI RAUS he, himself, has now organized a chapter of the Legion of Estonian Liberation, Inc., at Buffalo, and that OLEV JARVER is second in command in this chapter.

ANTHILLA KARJEL stated he has no objection to having his identity furnished to any other government agency as the source of the above information, but that he wants it made clear that he, himself, has never stated there is anything wrong with ERIC HEINE, because he has never had any reason to believe that HEINE is pro-Soviet. He stated the extent of his statements to others concerning HEINE is that YURI RAUS had stated they should be circumspect in their dealings with

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HEINE because no one has ever verified the latter's stories concerning his anti-Russian activities in Estonia.

KARJEL concluded by stating that he has told YURI RAUS about the alleged plans of HEINE to sue them. RAUS replied that he also has heard of this, but that to date HEINE has apparently commenced no action and RAUS stated he is not concerned. RAUS added he anticipates that HEINE and others will, however, undertake some action to discredit RAUS.

Files of the Buffalo Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no record of the Estonian Club, Legion of Estonian Liberation, Inc., ANTIILA L. KARJEL, KARL LEMIKSOO, KALEV SISI, nor ROBERT TEENE.

On May 11, 1963, information was received from the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, Buffalo, that one ERIC HEINE, born on September 11, 1919, in Estonia, residence address 29 Ellis Park Road, Toronto, Canada, occupation-machinist, entered the United States at the Peace Bridge, Buffalo, on May 9, 1963, destined to the Estonian House, West 34th Street, New York, New York. His nationality was given as Estonian, and he had a B-2 (visitor) visa, and Estonian passport issued in Toronto, Canada.

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